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Applicants state under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) that the following publications (less those previously cited) were cited in an International Search Report issued in connection with a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Copies of the publications listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the next Patent Office communication.

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